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1979/80
SEASON

Posh boss Peter Morris is nearing the end of twelve months in the manager's chair at London Road. And in that time he has added Whitlesey youngster Tim Gale (below) to his apprentices.



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MANAGER'S VIEWPOINT

MAY I first of all today wish you a very happy Christmas on behalf of everyone here at the club, and hope that the New Year ahead will bring you everything you want, particularly good health and happiness, with some of that coming on your visits to London Road.

It has been a week since I wrote these notes, and a week being a long time in football it is possible that I am a little behind with our news.

I have in mind that there has been a good deal of speculation about some players, but all I can confirm at this point is that clubs have been making enquiries.

I was interested in one or two of the transactions. But there was disparity over prices or player exchanges, and nothing had come of things by December 19.

The latest concrete thing to have happened by then was Andy Parkinson's decision to leave the club and go back to South Africa.

I was very disappointed, because I think he could have become a very good player as he showed during one spell of four or five games when he scored consistently and fitted into the team well.

We gave him release from his contract, but have held his registration and I still feel there is a possibility that he will reconsider his future and get in touch with us again.

His departure leaves us short of cover for front players and I am naturally concerned about that, particularly as we have been having difficulty in hitting the net in recent games.

We hadn't scored in three successive mat-



ches prior to last Friday's visit to Newport—the league draws with Bournemouth and Portsmouth and the friendly at Barnet.

I was happy with the showing against Pompey, because there was a good deal more commitment than in some recent home matches. But it had evaporated by the time we got to Barnet and we were beaten 2-0.

They had few chances. But we gave them two goals, the second from the penalty spot, and couldn't find a way through at the other end.

Hopefully we were livelier at Newport. We needed to be, for the Welsh club have staked a real promotion claim in recent weeks with ex-Posh centre-half Keith Dukes helping them do it.

As you know I have spent the best part of 1979 here and in the near future will have been twelve months at the club. I can't pretend everything has gone exactly how I would have liked it or planned, but I believe that the foundations are being laid properly for the future, for the Eagles in fact.

It is a little way ahead yet, but one thing I hope we will have good cause to celebrate is the club's golden jubilee which comes in 1984.

The Eagles will be the third decade Posh have spent in the League and most of you know better than I that each of the previous two has seen us promoted from Division Four and enjoy other successes in both cups.

We must hope that the pendulum swings our way again, but it will need to do so against the quickly changing face of soccer.

Just think how far everything has come since the club's entry into the Fourth Division... the players have, for instance, successfully fought for the abolition of the maximum wage—was it really only £20 at one time?

The game has spread even further around the globe, with the American connection having repercussions here.

Further changes in contractual law mean that players have more say in their working conditions. And economic trends in the game have brought an upsurge in promotions, sponsorships and extra fund raising.

There is continual talk of a European Super League and a British Super League; of a fifth division; of more part-time football for clubs at the lower end.

No doubt things won't stand still... that is really the only unavoidable conclusion.

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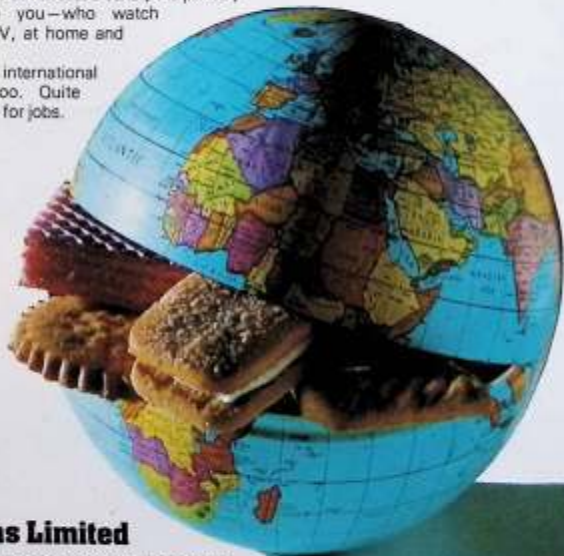


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AROUND THE FOOTBALLSCENE



Big pay days around



IT'S a welcome back to football for Posh defender Alan Slough from the Peterborough Mayor, Mr. Murdoch Charteris. The Mayor, accompanied by manager Peter Morris and chairman Mr. Geoffrey Woodcock greeted the Posh and Portsmouth teams before the recent Fourth Division clash.

Youth Topics

POSH youths' Southern Junior Floodlit Cup hopes ended at the hands of Queens Park Rangers at London Road last week.

The London side won the third round tie 3-0 and never looked in any danger.

In the words of coach Terry Bates: "We came second in a two horse race."

Posh: Tattersall, Newton, Enderby, Wilson, Collins, Gynn, C. Chapman, Gale, Rossi, Death, Ward, Biggs.

Posh youths went down 4-1 at home to Reading in the South East Counties League but the scoreline did not do justice to the side.

The youngsters never had the best of luck in front of goal and deserved more than the consolation goal from John Biggs in the second half.

Posh: Tattersall, Wilson, Death, Harrison, Enderby, Gale, R. Chapman, Ippolito, Biggs, Aldred, C. Chapman.

In the League Cup, Posh have been paired with Tottenham and Cambridge.

The competition is played on a league basis with the winner going forward to the semi-finals.

At least two Fourth Division clubs can look forward to a lucrative FA Cup payday in January.

Aldershot's reward for a 2-1 win at Hereford is a trip to Everton while Walsall or Halifax will entertain Malcolm Allison's Manchester City.

After sharing two goals at Walsall on the Saturday, player-manager Alan Buckley netting a penalty for the Midlands side, the teams also failed to get a result at the Shay in the replay.

Once again Buckley was the scorer for Walsall after Halifax had led at half time.

Leaders Portsmouth will also face First Division opposition if they can overcome Wimbledon in a replay.

The teams drew 0-0 at Plough Lane and were due to fight it out on Christmas Eve for the right to meet Middlesbrough.

Rochdale's reward for defeating Fourth Division rivals Tranmere 2-1 is a home tie with Burny who ended York's interest with a 2-0 replay win.

Bradford City's 1-0 win at Darlington earned them a visit to Third Division Carlisle, while Wigan will make the trip to Chelsea if they overcome non-league Northwich.



OUR VISITORS

JOHN BROWN (goalkeeper)—Saw service with Preston and Stockport before joining Wigan. With more than 160 league appearances behind him, he has given stability to the defence.

DAVID FRETWELL (full back)—He made 253 appearances for Bradford City before joining Wigan on a free transfer in the early part of last season. He made 35 league appearances last season.

JOE HINNIGAN (full back)—Liverpool born player who came through the non-league ranks with the club. He made 39 league appearances last season.

TOMMY GORE (midfield)—Liverpool born player who was once on the books at Anfield and Tranmere without breaking into senior football. He joined Wigan in 1974 and was ever-present last season.

COLIN METHVEN (defender)—Signed recently from Scottish club East Fife for a club

record £30,000. An aggressive defender, he also has a liking for goals and was East Fife's second top scorer with 11 last season.

NEIL DAVIDS (defender)—Has been on the books of Leeds, Norwich, Northampton (on loan), Stockport (on loan), and Swansea before joining Wigan. But he has made only a handful of league appearances.

FRANK CORRIGAN (midfield)—He missed only one league game last season. He gained a wealth of non-league experience, principally with Wigan's arch rivals Northwich.

JEFF WRIGHT (midfield)—Was an ever-present in the Wigan side last season and was one of the most consistent performers. He scored seven goals last season.

PETER HOUGHTON (striker)—Top scorer last season with 13 goals from just 23 games. Injuries restricted his appearances but he nevertheless caught the eye of several top clubs.

TONY QUINN (striker)—Was on the books of both Liverpool and Everton before trying his luck with Wigan. He has taken his chance with both hands, scoring six goals in seven matches to keep out more experienced players.

GEORGE URQUHART (midfield)—Signed recently for a nominal fee from manager Ian McNeill's old club Ross County. He had a spell with St. Mirren before joining the Scottish non-league side.

MICK MOORE (striker)—After serving Wigan as a non-league player, he joined Port Vale in 1978, making 13 appearances. He rejoined Wigan last season and scored ten goals in 43 appearances.

DEREK BROWNBILL (striker)—Signed from Port Vale where he made 84 appearances. He scored six goals in twenty appearances last season. Liverpool born, he made one league appearance for the Anfield side.



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A slice of London Road history today

POSH fans will be witnessing a slice of soccer history today with Wigan Athletic making their first-ever league visit to London Road.

The former Northern Premier League champions made a considerable impact in their first season in the league by finishing sixth.

Although they made an indifferent start this time with three defeats coming inside a week during the early weeks, they have now hit a period of more consistent form.

Prior to Friday's home clash with struggling Crewe, they were unbeaten in seven matches.

Manager Ian McNeill has relied to a certain extent on the players who earned the club league status by their success in non-league and FA Cup football.

They adapted well to the rigours of Fourth Division football with men like former Bradford City defender David Fretwell and ex-Preston and Stockport goalkeeper John Brown providing the necessary experience.

To add even more stability to the defence, McNeill has returned to his

native Scotland to recruit East Fife centre half Colin Methven for a club record £30,000.

He's also a defender with a flair for goals. Last season he was the Scottish side's second top scorer with 11.

Up front, Peter Houghton scored 13 goals in 23 matches last season to finish top scorer, but Mick Moore, his striking partner, has found a rival for his place in young Tony Quinn.

Quinn, once on the books of both Everton and Liverpool, scored six goals in seven games to keep the more experienced Moore and Derek Brownbill on the sidelines.

Like Posh, Wigan have also been hit by injuries with skipper Noel Ward and defender John Curtis both on the injury list with broken legs.

Four of the Wigan squad, Joe Hinnigan (top left), Jeff Wright (top right), Tommy Gore (bottom left) and Alan Crompton (bottom right)



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n Knight was the improved showing December 8. Aspect indeed, and ave Syrett and Billy here, Knight puts a

The goal famine continues to worry manager Peter Morris, two successive 0-0 league draws being followed by a 2-0 defeat in a friendly at Barnet.

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POSH's latest crop of potential apprentices come striding into London Road on Tuesday, for three days of training and coaching, culminating in a friendly in Nottingham against a Forest side.

What makes the fact noteworthy is that they are fourteen-year-olds, and their emergence as a squad this New Year heralds a significant step forward in the club's youth development plan—our blueprint for the Eighties if you like.

Until now we have concentrated on providing competitive football for fifteen to eighteen year olds, and the results have included the production of England youth players, Micky Gynn and Trevor Quow.

"Starting with the fourteen year olds obviously means we will have more time in which to assess players' potential," says youth coach Graham Scarff. "And the starting of such a young squad means we are coming in line with a number of big clubs, like Forest, Ipswich and Palace."

Clubs look enviously at Palace for

their successful First Division side is youth football based. "If we can do half as well we must be on the right track," adds Graham.

The signing of fifteen youngsters has seen the scouting net widen nationwide, and Posh have done well to secure six of the lads on schoolboy forms.

Memory Time

NINE YEARS AGO

WIGAN was famous only for its pier when we went there on December 12, 1970. But by the end of a hard-fought ninety minutes of cup football we were the joke, and the Northern Premier side had improved its claim for a Football League place.

The second round tie was the stuff of dreams... for them. 17,300 fans packed into their ground, saw them take a first-half lead but were forced to suffer a nail-biting last half hour after Bobby Moss's equaliser.

It looked like stalemate. Then, with only a minute or so to go, a stray shot whipped into our penalty area, struck Brian

Wright's hand and was deflected away out of danger.

'Penalty' said the referee. 'Nonsense' said Posh boss Jim Lilly. But penalty it was, and Fleming strode up to crack the winner past Mick Drewery.

Iley had started the game as a player. But a fifth minute foul took him out of the action, to be replaced by the diminutive Moss.

Posh had started that cup campaign with a 3-1 home victory over another non-league side, Wimbledon. Our team at Wigan was: Drewery, Noble, Duncliffe, Iley, Turner, Wright, Pleat, Garwood, Hall, Turpie, Robson, Sub Moss.



BOBBY MOSS

—injury cut short his career with Posh. But the diminutive winger, delicate as a sparrow, was brave enough to score 19 goals for us (see Memory Time) in the early Seventies.



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FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES

Aug 11	CHARLTON (LC, 1st lg)	4,140	3-1
Aug 14	Charlton (LC, 2nd lg)	5,496	1-1
Aug 18	Lincoln	4,725	1-0
Aug 22	TRANMERE	4,878	1-2
Aug 25	HALIFAX	4,014	2-1
Aug 29	BLACKPOLL (LC, 1st lg)	4,326	0-0
Sept 1	Port Vale	2,794	1-0
Sept 5	Blackpool (LC, 2nd lg)	4,326	1-0
Sept 8	York City	3,102	2-0
Sept 15	CREWE	4,345	3-0
Sept 19	ALDRERSHOT	4,449	1-3
Sept 22	Northampton	3,678	0-1
Sept 26	BRISTOL CITY (LC, 3)	7,067	1-1
Sept 29	HEREFORD	4,051	2-0
Oct 2	Bristol City (LC 3, rep)	9,125	0-4
Oct 6	HUDDERSFIELD	5,183	1-3
Oct 8	Tranmere	1,807	0-3
Oct 12	Rochdale	1,208	0-0
Oct 20	HARTLEPOOL	3,412	2-0
Oct 24	TORQUAY	3,130	2-1
Oct 27	Darlington	1,675	1-1
Oct 30	Aldershot	4,168	0-2
Nov 3	LINCOLN	4,681	3-1
Nov 7	Torquay	3,121	0-2
Nov 8	Doncaster	7,447	1-2
Nov 17	WALSALL	4,018	1-3
Nov 24	BOURNEMOUTH (FA-1)	3,777	1-2
Dec 1	AFC Bournemouth	3,234	0-0
Dec 8	PORTSMOUTH	5,371	0-0
Dec 15	FA Cup (2)		
Dec 21	Newport		
Dec 26	WIGAN		
Dec 29	Halifax		
Jan 1	Stockport		
Jan 5	SCUNTHORPE (3)		
Jan 12	Bradford City		
Jan 19	YORK CITY		
Jan 26	PORT VALE (4)		
Feb 2	Crewe		
Feb 9	NORTHAMPTON		
Feb 16	Hereford (5)		
Feb 23	ROCHDALE		
Mar 1	Hartlepool		
Mar 8	DARLINGTON (6)		
Mar 14	Huddersfield		
Mar 22	Doncaster		
Mar 29	Walsall		
Apr 5	Wigan		
Apr 7	STOCKPORT		
Apr 8	NEWPORT		
Apr 12	Scunthorpe		
Apr 19	AFC BOURNEMOUTH		
Apr 26	Portsmouth		
May 3	BRADFORD CITY		
May 10	FA Cup Final		

Capital letters indicate home fixtures

MIDWEEK LEAGUE FIXTURES

Aug 21	Wimbledon	3-3
Sept 3	ALDRERSHOT	3-3
Sept 11	Charlton	2-5
Sept 18	Cambridge	0-1
Oct 10	WIMBLEDON	1-0
Oct 16	Gillingham	0-2
Nov 19	STAMFORD	4-0
Nov 28	BRIGHTON	3-0
Dec 12	CAMBRIDGE	4-2
Dec 17	MILLWALL	
Jan 7	NORTHAMPTON	
Jan 15	Southend	
Jan 22	Brentford	
Jan 28	SOUTHEND	
Feb 5	Northampton	
Feb 12	Millwall	
Feb 19	Aldershot	
Feb 25	CHARLTON	
Mar 12	Portsmouth	
Mar 31	WATFORD	

to be arranged: Portsmouth (H)
Watford (A) Brentford (H)
Brighton (A)

MIDWEEK LEAGUE LEADING POSITIONS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Watford	11	9	2	0	29	10	20
Southend	19	1	1	3	32	17	19
Charlton	13	7	3	3	29	21	17
Northampton	12	6	3	3	18	14	15
Gillingham	13	5	2	6	29	24	12
Gillingham	12	5	1	6	29	25	11
Wimbledon	10	3	5	2	16	11	11
POSH	5	4	2	3	-20	16	10



DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	22	15	2	5	63	27	32
Newport	22	14	3	6	48	28	31
Walsall	22	11	6	2	26	21	31
Huddersfield	22	13	4	5	49	28	30
Brad City	22	13	4	5	41	34	30
Torquay	22	10	8	4	43	28	28
Doncaster	21	10	6	5	31	24	26
Aldershot	21	10	4	7	32	32	24
Lincoln	21	8	6	7	30	28	22
POSH	22	9	4	9	24	25	22
Halifax	22	8	6	8	21	26	22
Bournemouth	22	5	10	7	28	26	20
Wigan	20	8	4	8	34	35	20
Tranmere	21	8	4	9	24	28	20
Stockport	22	7	6	9	21	35	20
York	22	7	5	10	41	48	19
Hereford	22	7	5	10	21	38	19
Northampton	22	7	5	10	25	36	19
Hereford	21	7	4	10	32	32	18
Darlington	22	5	7	10	26	40	17
Scunthorpe	23	5	6	12	28	35	16
Port Vale	22	5	4	13	27	35	14
Rochdale	21	3	6	12	18	39	10
Cleve	22	3	4	15	19	43	10

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Carnegie	22	7	-																													
Collins	6	4	-																													
Hepworth	5	3	-																													
McVay	11	3	-																													
Foster	22	7	2																													
Gynn	16	6	8																													
Parkinson	12	5	8																													
Lambert	9	3	1																													
Chard	13	4	3																													
Robson	16	3	3																													
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Guy	10	3	1																													
Synett	7	1	-																													
Phillips	17	3	1																													
Slough	3	1	-																													
Smith	6	4	-																													
Quow	11	2	1																													
Sharkey	2	2	-																													
Morris	1	-	-																													
Cliss	9	1	2																													

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Dec 19	Reading (H) 1-4
Jan 12	Chelsea (H)
Jan 19	C. Palace (H)
Jan 26	Cambridge (A)





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Mrs. Susan Pomfret, of

1 Mages Road, Peterborough, received a £500 cheque and there were £100 cheques for C. Keen, of 24 Shelton Road, Svinground, and R. Baines, of 25 Kirkstall, Orton Goldhay.

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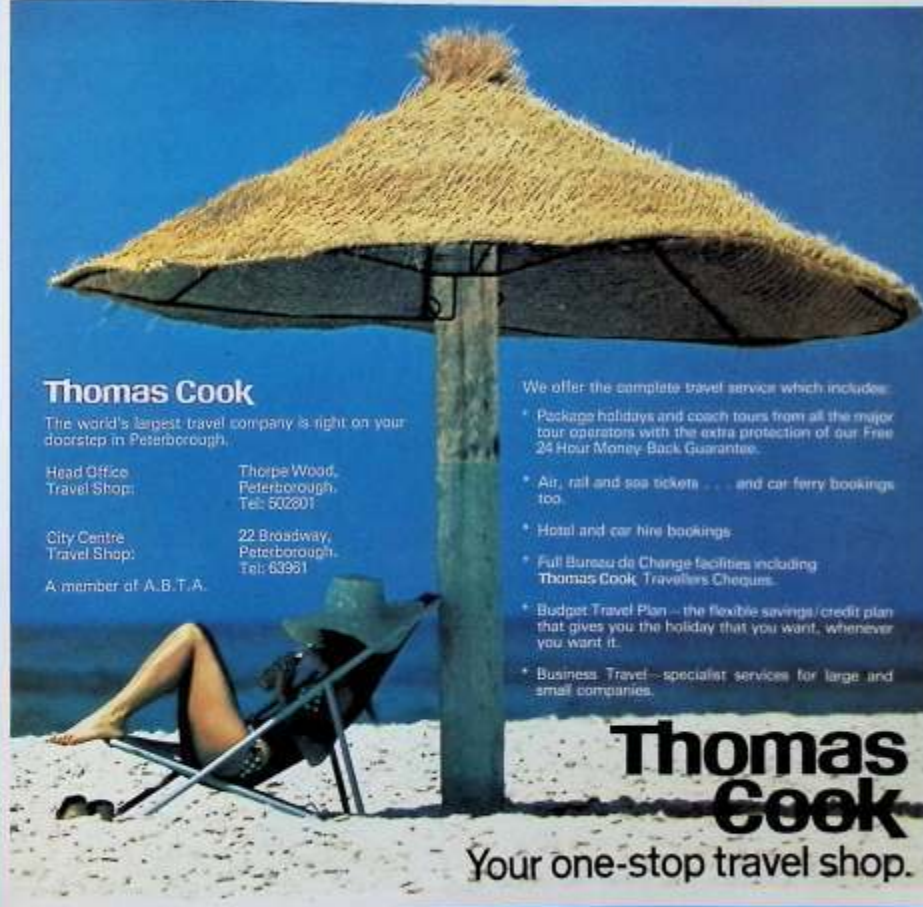
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TEAM ALTERATIONS

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